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### **GOV. EASLEY NAMES WESTERN RECOVERY TASK FORCE MEMBERS *FIRST MEETING SET FOR FRIDAY***

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley today named 40 members to the Western Recovery Task Force. The group's first meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 29 at 12:30 p.m. at the Advantage West Board Room at the Asheville Regional Airport.

"The Western Recovery Task Force is charged with designing a plan for recovery following devastation from recent storms," said Easley. "We have assembled a diverse group of people that represent businesses, communities and nonprofits in the region. These are the people that know this area best and I am confident that the recovery strategy that they recommend will meet the real needs of our people."

Easley has asked Gordon Myers to Chair the first meeting. A complete list of task force members follows:

|                   |                             |                        |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Dan McMillian     | County Manager              | Ashe County            |
| Richard Blackburn | Commissioner                | Ashe County            |
| Kenny Poteat      | Commission Chair            | Avery County           |
| David Young       | Commissioner                | Buncombe County        |
| Nancy Thompson    | Community Relations Manager | Progress Energy        |
| Charles Worley    | Mayor                       | City of Asheville      |
| Ed Broadwell      | President                   | HomeTrust Bank         |
| Gordon Myers      | DOT Board                   | Member                 |
| Mike Arriola      | Marketing & Outreach Spec.  | US SBA                 |
| Mike Fulenwider   | Owner                       | Fulenwider Enterprises |
| Wayne Abele       | Owner                       | Shoney's of Morganton  |
| Jeff Morse        | Town Manager                | Town of Valdese        |
| Ann Smith         | Commissioner                | Town of Hudson         |
| Sam Erby          | DOT Board                   | Member                 |
| Pat Smathers      | Mayor                       | Town of Canton         |
| Jack Horton       | County Manager              | Haywood County         |
| Grady Hawkins     | Commission Chair            | Henderson County       |
| Fred Niehoff      | Mayor                       | Hendersonville         |

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